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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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Copies of all non-U.S. Patent documents are enclosed except for the following document:

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A copy of this document was not available after a diligent search. Applicants believe that a copy of this document should be available in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/781,577, filed on Jan. 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,879,371.

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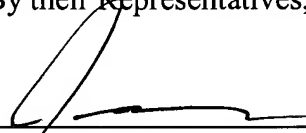
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